How to recycle your food waste

Your can now recycle food waste in your existing garden bin.

What happens to your food waste after it is collected?

A commercial facility turns your food and garden waste into compost.

Recycle your food and garden waste at home.

You buy the food farmers grow.

Farmers use compost on farms, vineyards and orchards across Victoria.

STEP 1
Collect your food waste
Use a container (used food container will do) to store your food waste. Keep it somewhere easy to access, like your kitchen bench or under the sink, so it’s close at hand when cooking or clearing up after meals.

STEP 2
Empty the food waste into your garden bin
Food waste needs to go in loose without any bags.

STEP 3
Keep your bin fresh
Close the lid and keep your garden bin in the shade if possible.

STEP 4
Take the bin out as usual
Your garden bin will continue to be picked up as normal. Check council’s website for collection details.

Tips to keep your bin fresh

• Add layers of lawn and garden clippings.
• Keep meat and seafood in your fridge or freezer until just before collection day.
• Don’t overfill your bin and ensure the lid is closed properly.
• Keep your bin in a shady spot.

Recycle your food waste
Put your food waste to good use.

From August 2020 you can use your existing garden bin to recycle your food waste with your garden waste.

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What GOES IN your garden bin

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Seafood, meat scraps and bones
- Bread, cereal, rice, noodles and pasta
- Cheese
- Leftovers
- Garden prunings and weeds
- Coffee grounds and loose tea leaves
- Egg shells
- Citrus, onions and garlic

What DOES NOT GO IN your garden bin

- Plastic, biodegradable, compostable bags
- Recyclables
- Nappies
- Pet poo
- Takeaway coffee cups (including compostable)
- Compostable, biodegradable, degradable items
- Food packaging
- Tea bags and coffee pods

Reduce and reuse before recycling your food waste.

The average Victorian household throws away $2136 worth of food a year. Save money and the environment by cutting food waste.

Reduce
- Plan meals and shop to a list to avoid creating food waste in the first place.
- Store food properly so it lasts longer.

Reuse
- Love your leftovers. Freeze some for another time, or make them into something delicious.
- Make a soup using vegetables that are starting to wilt. Use overripe fruit to make a smoothie.

Hungry for more information?
Visit: lovefoodhatewaste.vic.gov.au

Help us reduce waste to landfill by putting food and garden waste in the garden bin.

Food and garden waste makes up approximately 50% of the average Victorian rubbish bin.

For more information about how we turn your food and garden waste into compost visit: backtoearth.vic.gov.au